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Applicant : Campbell et al.
Appl. No. : 08/499,423
Filed : 07/07/95
Title : Interior Liner for Tubes, Pipes
and Blood Conduits

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We enclose the following papers for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Patent Application:

1. Request for Continued Examination (1 page)
2. Response under 37 CFR 1.111 (14 pages)

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Application Number	08/499,423
Filing Date	7/7/1995
First Named Inventor	Campbell
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed Sept. 23, 2003 for the above-referenced application, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for two months to Feb. 23, 2004.

Examiner is requested and authorized to charge our deposit account number 07-1729 for the required amount.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.